

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PPDC, PFOR, US, AS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER FRASER

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1. PLEASE DELIVER ASAP THE FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL LETTER  
TO PRIME MINISTER FRASER. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING SENT BY  
POUCH.

2. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

JANUARY 18, 1977

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER OF NOVEMBER 19.

IT HAS INDEED BEEN A GREAT HONOR TO SERVE IN THIS OFFICE  
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FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. I TAKE SPECIAL SATISFACTION IN  
THE EXCELLENT STATE OF RELATIONS AMONG THE DEMOCRACIES OF  
THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THIS  
PERIOD. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE COMMON IDEALS AND INTER-  
ESTS THAT WE SHARE WILL CONTINUE TO BIND OUR COUNTRIES IN  
CLOSE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

I REMEMBER WITH FONDNESS OUR MEETING IN WASHINGTON. WE  
HAD AN INTIMATE AND FRANK EXCHANGE AS CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE  
BETWEEN FRIENDS AND ALLIES.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

GERALD R. FORD

THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
JOHN MALCOLM FRASER, M. P.  
PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA  
CANBERRA

UNQUOTE

3. WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT, BUT NO  
OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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## Message Attributes

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